

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the present application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (canceled).

2. (currently amended)A multi-media conversion server comprising:

means for receiving media information transmitted by a first terminal;

means for acquiring a destination of said media information received;

means for acquiring media decoding capability of a second terminal which is said destination;

means for converting said media information into media information ~~to be output~~ according~~corresponding~~ to said media decoding capability of said second terminal; and

means for transmitting said output media information ~~corresponding to said~~ media decoding capability of said second terminal ~~to said second terminal.~~

Claims 3 and 4 (canceled).

5. (currently amended)A multi-media conversion server of claim 3, further comprising~~comprising~~:

means for receiving character information addressed to a second terminal by a first terminal;

means for acquiring format information that can be received and decoded by said second terminal;

speech signal conversion means for converting said character information into a speech signal;

video signal synthesis means for synthesizing a video signal corresponding to said speech signal into a synthesized video stream;

speech signal encoding means for encoding said speech signal using the first information;

video encoding means for encoding said video signal using the format information into an encoded speech stream;

means for adding the encoded speech stream and the synthesized video stream to said character information, and sending such streams to said second terminal; and

means for presenting a plurality of speech types to be converted and a plurality of video types to be synthesized to said first terminal, and instructing to select and specify each one type from among the speech and video types to said first terminal;

wherein said speech synthesis signal conversion means converts said character speech encoding information and the video encoding information thus selected in the above into a speech signal according to the content of the selected speech selection type information of a reception signal attached to character information, and wherein said video synthesis means synthesizes said video signal into the selected in the above video type.

6. (currently amended)A multi-media terminal wherein communication is executed between the multi-media terminal and a multi-media conversion server ~~efaccording to claim 5, said multi-media terminal comprising:~~

means for entering and editing characters;

means for presenting said speech type to be converted, and synthesizing the speech selection information selected; and

a function for presenting said video type, and synthesizing the video selection information selected;

wherein the input character information and the synthesized speech selection information as well as the synthesized video selection information are transmitted.

7. (currently amended)A multi-media conversion server comprising:

means for receiving video information addressed to a second terminal from a first terminal;

means for acquiring video format information ~~representing a format of video information that can be received and decoded by said second terminal using an identification of said second terminal received from said first terminal;~~

means for comparing a video format of said received video information with ~~asaid video format information representing a format of video information that can be received and decoded by said second terminal;~~

~~means for, if any corresponding a video format that can be received and decoded by said which allows the second terminal to receive and decode the~~

~~received video information is not available in said received video information as a result of said comparison, means for selecting one a video format that can be received and decoded by said second terminal, and converting the video format of said entered received video information into that of the selected video format thus selected; and~~

~~means for transmitting said converted video information having the converted video format to said second terminal.~~

8. (currently amended) A multi-media conversion server comprising:
means for receiving video information addressed to a second terminal from a first terminal;

~~means for acquiring screen size information representing a screen size of video information that can be received and decoded by said second terminal using an identification of said second terminal received from said first terminal;~~

~~means for comparing the a screen size of said received video information with said screen size information representing a screen size of video information that can be received and decoded by said second terminal;~~

~~means for, if the screen size of the received video information is larger than the screen size that can be received and decoded by said second terminal as a result of the foregoing comparison, means for converting the screen size of said entered received video information into that of the screen size that can be received and decoded by said second terminal; and~~

means for transmitting ~~the thus converted video information having the~~ converted screen size to said second terminal.

9. (currently amended) In a multi-media conversion server of claim 4~~2~~, a multi-media conversion service, characterized in ~~that~~wherein a conversion fee that is determined based on the combination of an input media information type with an output media information type is charged to a transmitter.

10. (currently amended) In a multi-media conversion server of claim 3, 4, 6 or 7~~5~~, a multi-media communication service characterized in ~~that~~wherein, when a conversion is made from received character information to speech information or video information, a higher fee is charged to a transmitter compared to the case where no conversion is made.

11. (new) In a multi-media conversion server of claim 6, a multi-media communication service wherein, when a conversion is made from received character information to speech information or video information, a higher fee is charged to a transmitter compared to the case where no conversion is made.

12. (new) In a multi-media conversion server of claim 6, a multi-media communication service wherein, when a conversion is made from received character information to speech information or video information, a higher fee is charged to a transmitter compared to the case where no conversion is made.